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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : நாமெல்லாம் குரங்கிலிருந்து வந்தோம் என்பதை யாரும் ஆட்சேபிக்க மாட்டார்கள். இப்பொழுது நிலவும் நிலேக்கு, தற்போதைய சமுதாயத்திற்கு அது பொருந்தாது என்று சொல்லுகிறேன்.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : May I know what is the alleged wrong information which has crept into the book written by Dr. Thurston on the 'Tribes of Southern India'?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The hon. Member may refer to the concerned issue of the "Madras Information".

SRI P. K. MOOKIAH THEVAR : பழங்கால ஆராய்ச்சியை அடிப்படையாக வைத்து, ரிடையராகக் கூடியவர், நிபுணர், ஆதிகாலத்துப் புத்தகத்தை வைத்து எழுதியிருக்கிருர்கள் என்று சொல்லுகிருர்கள். அந்த ஆதிகாலப் புத்தகத்தை கனம் அமைச்சர் பார்த்தார்களா ? எழுதப்பட்டிருக்கும் முக்குலத்தார் பழக்க வழக்கங்கள் அதிலே அப்படியிருக்கிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : பழையகாலத்துப் பழக்கங்கள் பற்றி இது போன்ற சில கருத்துக்கள் அதில் இருக்கின்றன.

Tubewells (Pudukkottai)

* 1207 *Q.*—SRI V. ARUNACHALA THEVAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the number of tubewells that will be sunk in Pudukkottai Division, Tiruchirappalli district, under the Third Five-Year Plan?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Third Five-Year Plan includes schemes for sinking tubewells and sub-artesian wells and, as at present envisaged, it is proposed to sink 150 tubewells and 100 sub-artesian wells in this State during the Plan period. While districtwise targets will be fixed for each year, the selection of sites where the wells will be sunk would, however, have to be made in the course of the actual implementation of the scheme with reference to the availability of underground water-supply, the applications received and other relevant factors. Hence it would not be possible to say now how many wells will be sunk in Pudukkottai Division under the Third Five-Year Plan.

Leepuram Port

* 1208 *Q.*—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to improve the Leepuram Port in the Kanyakumari district;

(*b*) whether the goods in the wrecked ship in the Leepuram Port were auctioned by the Government;

(*c*) the nature of the goods obtained;

(*d*) what was the auction amount;

(*e*) who has bid it in auction;

(*f*) whether all the available materials have been removed from the wrecked ship; and

(*g*) whether this auction was done at the instance of the State Government?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) There is no proposal to improve the Leepuram Port.

(*b*) The goods in the ship wrecked in 1912 were not auctioned by the Government; but some Insurance Company is reported to have auctioned the right to remove the contents of the wrecked ship.

(*c*) Some bars of iron, copper and nickel were taken from the wrecked ship.

(*d*) The exact auction amount realised by the Insurance Company is not known.

(*e*) Sri Kayathan Villaverayar of Tuticorin was the successful bidder in the auction and he sold his right to the father (deceased) of Sri M. Ponnuswamy Pillai of Rajapalayam.

(*f*) All the available materials have not been removed from the wrecked ship.

(*g*) No, Sir. Under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1923, the Government of India are responsible for appointing receivers to take possession of wrecks and to perform duties connected with it.

Educational and Medical Concessions to Members of Madras Legislative Assembly

* 1209 *Q*—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : கனம் நிதி அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) சட்டசபை அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கு மாதாமாதம் கொடுக்கும் ரூ.150 அலவன்சாகக் கருதப்படுகிறதா? அல்லது வருமானமாகக் கருதப்படுகிறதா ?

(இ) ஸ்காலர்ஷிப் வாங்குவதற்கான மாதவருமானத்தில் ரூ. 150-ஐ அலவன்சாகக் கருதிவிடப்படுகிறதா ?

(உ) அதற்கான காரணமென்ன ?

(எ) அவர்களுக்கு மருத்துவ வசதி கொடுப்பதில் ரூ. 150-ஐ வருமானமாகக் கருதுவதற்கான காரணமென்ன?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (அ), (இ), (உ) & (எ) The amount of Rs. 150 per mensem received by Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council is treated as salary with reference to section 12 (1) (*a*) of the Madras Payment of Salaries and Removal of Disqualifications Act, 1951. As a matter of policy, the Government have extended the educational concessions but not the medical concessions to the Legislators.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that this sum is taken into consideration for the purpose of returns to be submitted to the Income-tax Department. This is only honorarium paid to the Legislators for the services rendered by them to their constituencies. Will the Government take steps to recommend to the Government of India to delete this item from the income-tax returns?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think it is possible.